

REMARKS

In response to the Restriction Requirement in item 4 on page 2 of the Official Action, Applicants hereby elect Group I, claims 12-15, i.e., methods for treating vascular diseases with HMG box. Please consider the possibility of rejoinder of the non-elected invention, upon a determination of allowance of the elected invention, per U.S. rejoinder practice (See M.P.E.P. § 821.04).

In response to the Species Election Requirement in item 6 on page 3, Applicants elect Species A (i.e., HMG box binding antibodies or antibody fragments).

In response to the Species Election Requirement in item 7 on page 4, Applicants elect Species B (i.e., a method for treating vascular diseases related to endothelial and smooth muscle cells, proliferation wherein the vascular disease is due to restenosis after blood vessel damage, including those events that occur after coronary and/or carotid angioplasty, with or without stent positioning, angiographic surgery, and surgery using catheters).

It is respectfully submitted that at least claims 12-15 are readable on the elected species.

Kindly consider and examine additional species, upon a determination of allowance of the generic claims, in accordance with U.S. election of species practice.

Favorable action on the merits is solicited.

Should there be any matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 25-0120 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17.

Respectfully submitted,

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